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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Insert Title: PRODRUGS

Fill in Appropriate Information - For Use Without Specification Attached:
 the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto,
 the specification was filed on February 12, 1999 as
 United States Application Number 09/249,317
 and amended on _____ (if applicable) and/or
 the specification was filed on _____ as PCT
 International Application Number _____; and was
 amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months (six months for designs) prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

Insert Priority Information: (if appropriate)

<u>9800452-6</u> (Number)	<u>Sweden</u> (Country)	<u>February 13, 1998</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>9801216-4</u> (Number)	<u>Sweden</u> (Country)	<u>April 3, 1998</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>9800469-0</u> (Number)	<u>Sweden</u> (Country)	<u>February 16, 1998</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<u>98/7267</u> (Number)	<u>South Africa</u> (Country)	<u>August 13, 1998</u> (Month/Day/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional applications(s) listed below.

Insert Provisional Application(s): (if any)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States and/or PCT application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States and/or PCT application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Insert Prior U.S. Application(s): (if any)

<u>PCT/SE98/01467</u> (Application Number)	<u>August 14, 1998</u> (Filing Date)	<u>pending</u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
_____ (Application Number)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and, an international application based on this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and in connection with the resulting patent based on instructions received from the entity who first sent the application papers to the attorneys identified below, unless the inventor(s) or assignee provides said attorneys with a written notice to the contrary:

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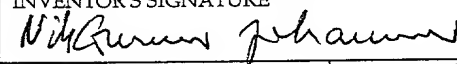
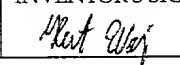

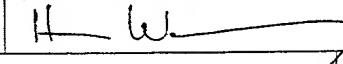
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FOR: PRODRUGS

DECLARATION SUBMITTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Honorable Commissioner
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Sir:

I, Dr. Xiao-Xiong Zhou Medivir AB, Lunastigen 7, S-141 44 Huddinge, Sweden,
do hereby declare the following:

I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae to this Declaration.

I am Director of Medicinal Chemistry at Medivir AB, a pharmaceutical research company employing around 90 research scientists, of which 53 are PhDs. I am familiar with the above referenced patent application, as well as the development, usages and properties of prodrug compounds.

I have read and understand the subject matter of the Office Action of January 31,

2001.

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The following comments are offered in support of the patentability of the instant invention.

The empty bracket symbol, " $()_x$ ", where x is 0, 1, 2, etc., that is used throughout the Specification and Claims of the instant application is a widely used convention for methylene homologues; i.e., for homologues varying by the presence of one or more contiguous $-CH_2-$ units. In the case where x is zero, there is no methylene group present and the empty bracket then represents a bond. One skilled in the art of medicinal chemistry, particularly prodrugs, would easily understand the meaning of the empty bracket symbol.

In the appendix to this Declaration I have attached a number of examples taken from the Derwent patent abstracting service and that show the empty bracket symbol in use. Note that the authors of such abstracts regard the symbol as so clear that no further definition of it is present, or required, in the key.

In my opinion, no medicinal chemist would be in doubt as to the significance of the empty bracket symbol in the context of a patent Specification describing and exemplifying prodrugs of active compounds, where the prodrug moiety comprises (in part) unbranched alkyl chains (i.e. methylene homologues) of various lengths.

However, if it were desirable to avoid using shorthand conventions for the intended homologues, then I believe that it is crystal clear that the symbol " $(CH_2)_x$ " should be put in the place of " $()_x$ ".

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DATED: 27 April 2001


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